

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

- I. Claims 1-4 and 7-21 are pending in this application.
- II. In the Office Action dated April 21, 2005, the Examiner required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of six groups of inventions.

The Election Response

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement. However to be fully responsive to the requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group VI. FIGS. 6, 10, 13 and apparatus claims. The Examiner further requires a listing of all claims readable on the elected species. Accordingly, Applicants identify the following claims as readable on the elected invention: claims 7 and 10-21.

As stated, the Applicants make the election with traverse. According to the M.P.E.P. § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it may include claims to independent or distinct inventions.

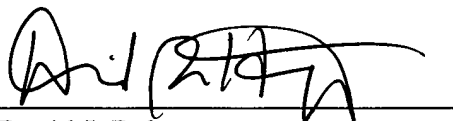
The Examiner must show that there would be a serious burden if the restriction is not required. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner nowhere contends, let alone demonstrates, that a search of all the pending claims would be a serious burden. Further, at the Examiner's disposal are powerful electronic search engines providing the Examiner with the ability to quickly and easily search all of the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the election requirement and the examination of the entire application and all pending claims. The Applicants submit that this is a complete response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005. A two-month Petition for Extension of Time, including a fee of \$450.00 is submitted herewith in order to make this response timely.

However, any other extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

Respectfully submitted,
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